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For the right that needs assistance,
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of conscience to speak the truth, and the truth
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DON'T OPEN THE SCHOOLS.

In the excitement prevalent now it seems that the authorities have overlooked the fact that the private and public schools will be opened in one or two weeks. School children now on the other islands will probably arrive in town during this and next week. Of course parents and guardians may have sense enough to hold them back after hearing about the cholera in Honolulu but we believe that nothing should be left to possible individual sense and judgment.

We therefore suggest that the Boards of Education and Health in to-morrow's papers officially announce that the public schools will not be opened until further notice, and a similar announcement ought to be made from Punahou College and other private institutions.

There has been a great deal of difference in opinion here in regard to the nature and character of the disease now present in Honolulu, and the other islands have received most contradictory statements both through mail and the press.

Under the circumstances our friends on Hawaii, Maui and Molokai do not know what to believe, and some of them may consider it their duty to have their children in Honolulu at the opening of the schools.

By prolonging the vacation two or three weeks nothing will be lost. But by crowding the schools with children while a cholera epidemic is officially in town would be to encourage the spread of the disease and challenge providence.

NOW AND THEN.

In 1892, when W. O. Smith was an "out" in the Legislature, and cholera was announced as epidemic in Hamburg, he saw his opportunity to tease the "ins" and seized it. The Board of Health was summoned to appear before a committee of the Legislature and a lecture was read to them upon the sin of indifference at a time when the community was in peril. Under the instructions of Mr. Smith's committee the Board of Health ordered the closing of all ports of entry other than Honolulu, and issued ridiculous regulations as to treatment of shipping entering this port. We say ridiculous be-

cause there was not a case of cholera upon the American Continent. The S. S. Australia arrived from San Francisco and she was rigorously quarantined. Her passengers were landed on the quarantine ground, made to strip off clothing, take a bath, and dress in clothing sent from the shore. The steamer was disinfected and remained in the stream several days before coming to her dock. All this when a continent and two oceans separated our islands from the scene of the epidemic. W. O. Smith is now an "in," and clothed with authority as President of the Board of Health, and cholera exists in ports less than fifteen days steaming time from ours. The Port Physician states at a meeting of the Board of Health that cholera exists in countries with which we have direct communication, and from which we receive immigrants by the hundreds. Here was an opportunity for Mr. Smith to practice in 1895 what he preached in 1892. But times had changed, and so had the government; and the self-sufficient President of the Board of Health takes absolutely no precautions, landing the immigrants and allowing agents to take acknowledgments to labor contracts to visit and mingle with immigrants. Two cases of diarrhoea terminate fatally and strict quarantine is at once established. Other cases of unusual sickness are reported on the mainland, and after deliberation the President and his Board announce officially that cholera exists. The consequences of this hasty announcement will be realized as time goes on, and in the meantime the President goes to New Zealand to study its land system? It makes a deal of difference whether Mr. Smith is an "out" or an "in," and the country must pay for his varying moods.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

According to Mr. Schaefer the last time the Claudine was chartered by the Government she was absent twenty-four days at \$300 a day. And even at that rate, he stated, that it was unprofitable to the Government. Well, everybody knows that. It took those five commissioners over and they made a mess of everything they came into contact with. No annexation, no nothing but expense. And the present project would end the same way.

One of those patent suggesters, who turn up every time something has to be done publicly, now recommends "if it is cholera" to "immediately stop all travel by steamers, trains or cars and forbid public gatherings of any nature whatsoever." Why not forbid hacks too? Also private carriages? Also bread wagons, milk wagons and every other form of vehicle? In short prohibit traffic altogether and quarantine everybody. Any measure except actual isolation of cases or dwellings in which they occur can only be partial in this country.

Do not let us lose our heads. There is no need for alarm, except in cases of want of cleanliness, or lack of properly nourishing food, or indulgence to excess in improper nutriment or stimulants. If your house is clean, your yard well swept, your outhouses sweet smelling, your person well washed, your food of the best and most wholesome quality, only fear will cause you a moment's uneasiness. Go to Hobron's, Hollister's, or Benson and

Smith's and get one of their preparations for diarrhea. Use it on the first symptoms and send also for a medical man. But that is only to calm your fears. There is no need of fright. There is your only danger.

The Advertiser is afraid of "the man on the street corner." He talks too many unpleasant truths. It is now in order to bring in an act or a bill—not bill smith—or an edict of the Board of Health and have the mouth of "the man on the street corner" fitted with a muzzle so he can't speak. Why should he speak, anyway, when he annoys the Advertiser by so doing? Let every sensible man keep off street corners and especially avoid talking thereon, until the Advertiser gives him permission. Otherwise it will be worse for him.

Notwithstanding the prevalence of cholera mixtures and disinfectants as yet no one has reported meeting the cable on the streets at night instead of the mounted police.

Among the humors of the day and the situation are the following:—How is your Comma Bacillus?

One of Honolulu's wits stood silently among a number of persons discussing the official announcement that the cholera existed, and as he turned away, said: Now, I suppose they will close the saloons and declare martial law.

Several cases of diarrhoea have been reported, caused by fear, no doubt. It will be remembered that Mrs. McCully-Higgins's Patriot, L. A. Thurston, was troubled that way and the P. G. had to send a doctor to take care of him while he voyaged to San Francisco on the "Claudine" in January 1893. Messrs. Nowlin and Clark had the same malady in 1895. It works that way, you know.

The Advertiser now wants the fish market made into a bonfire. But where is the money to come for a new one? It wants \$40,000 a year for the cable so it shall not happen that we "become buried in the sea" again. Where is the money to come from? It also wants the Claudine to go. Where is the money to come from? Also "too much lime about the city" rather than too little. Where is the money to come from? It is cheap to suggest what ought to be done. Not quite so easy, however, to show how to do it.

Some time ago the poverty stricken and destitute families of the political prisoners were housed in the Immigration Depot. Saturday the Board of Health decided to make a quarantine hospital out at the Quarantine Station to which all fresh cases of the disease were to be removed. But those 500 odd Chinese and Japs objected to being mixed up again with cholera—either genuine or alleged—and they showed fight, up to the point of rebellion. Now the Board will make a quarantine station out of the Immigration Depot. Where will the unfortunate wives and children of the political prisoners go? Will they have to stay there because they can't raise a rebellion?

"It would most certainly be a paying investment to appoint a special officer of the Board of Health to make a thorough inspection of every nook and corner of the city at least once a month, ferret out every source of filth, compel residents to clear their premises and, if the

cleansing is not done in a satisfactory manner, see that it is done at the expense of the delinquent household."

So says the Advertiser. Where are the men now and for some time past employed as agents by the Board of Health at enormous salaries. Are they still to go on riding round in brakes and managing Odd-fellow's and other societies and reporting everything all right until we get more epidemics. Let them do the work they are paid for and fine them for not having done it before. A well audited balance sheet of the Board of Health would astonish the public. Almost as much as one from the Police Department for the last six months would do.

Maui people are indignant because Sam Sing, a passenger on the Belgic, has visited the island and mingled freely with the citizens. Honolulu ought to be as indignant to see the immaculate Armstrong, also a passenger by the Belgic, riding around with the President and exposing the country to a "national calamity." He may in the future write up Dole as he in the past did Kalakaua which would be worse than transmitting cholera.

Attempted Suicide.

An old German carpenter, known as "Nick" and aged about 70 years, was brought to the Queen's Hospital on Friday evening after an unsuccessful attempt at throat-cutting. The old man had been despondent for some time, but his surroundings did not anticipate the desperate step taken by him. Although a deep gash has been inflicted on the neck of the would-be suicide the prospects are that he will eventually recover.

The Time

For Saturday had a most villainous and fear inspiring cartoon. But to make up its reading matter has improved in vim and sarcasm. And the copy of "the band played on" would net any music publisher twenty-five cents at least. The other illustrations are superior and as it says it is increasing in circulation no doubt the Time will be able to say this is its finest issue. We say so, anyhow.

L. B. Kerr has just received a new lot of Sun Hats, wide brims, which he is selling at 25 and 35 cents each, just the thing for this warm weather. Also a lot of Black and White Sailors Hats, suitable for School Children; 50 Cents will buy two of them.

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Timely Topics.



Honolulu, Aug. 26, 1895.

The boys are getting ready for the regatta which will take place next month at Pearl Harbor. It will be one of the finest races ever seen in Honolulu. Everybody in fact is racing now. The boat clubs are racing. Horses for the Waianae meeting are in training to race. The disinfectors are racing the comma bacillus. People all over the country are raising h—allelujah on account of cholera, fumigation, quarantine and no quarantine. The "Claudine" is to race the "Monowai" and advance reports of our cholera. And the bikers in town are getting their wheels ready to race away from the whole business.

And it is to the same bikers that we want to talk to-day.

We have got the best racing wheel manufactured in the United States. THE TRIBUNE CYCLE has gained a reputation not enjoyed by any other racing cycle. The numerous good qualities of this light, elegant, though solid wheel, have received the highest praise from everybody competent of judging of the good points of the *fin de siècle* racer.

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We have sold a number of the Tribunes in town, mostly racers; and we advise the boys who want to enter the races, now contemplated, to secure one of these superior wheels. The Tribune Racer weighs only eighteen (18) pounds, and the depth of frame is 24 or 26½ inches. It is the fastest and easiest running machine in the market and its advantages in sprinting are beyond all question. Racing men who have tried it once cannot be induced to ride without it. We invite the cyclers of the town to call in and inspect the machine which we offer with a complete outfit at a very reasonable figure. If you want to be a winner ride the Tribune.

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